



City of Santa Fe Springs

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Environmental Protection Agency
75 Hawthorne Street (SFD-6-3)
San Francisco, CA 94105

Attention: Ms. Lynda Deschambault, Remedial Project Manager

Subject: Omega Chemical Corporation Superfund Site

Dear Ms. Deschambault:

On behalf of the City of Santa Fe Springs, I want to thank you for holding another public meeting regarding the OU-2 Plan developed by EPA. While we had expected a larger turnout, the attendance at the meeting held on December 14, 2010 reaffirms our position that the residents and businesses of Santa Fe Springs and Norwalk are interested in learning more about this issue and anxious to see a containment plan implemented.

During your presentation, you indicated that the City of Santa Fe Springs had expressed an interest in accepting treated water for drinking water purposes. While City officials may have taken that position at meetings held before the OU-2 Plan was released, our comment letter of November 18, 2010 clearly states that the City of Santa Fe Springs does not fully support the drinking water alternative, but does in fact support a combination of Alternatives 4, 5 and 6. Unfortunately, since you did not qualify your statement during the presentation, you left the audience with the impression that the City of Santa Fe Springs is exclusively interested in Alternative 6, yet that is clearly not the position taken most recently by the City of Santa Fe Springs.

The City of Santa Fe Springs remains committed to working with the EPA on the implementation of a containment strategy. However, we also have a responsibility to see that residents and businesses of our community are not misled on this issue. To that end we ask that EPA respect our official position and not imply otherwise.

Sincerely,

Joseph D. Serrano, Sr.
Mayor

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